

**Governor's Advisory Council for
Asian Pacific American Affairs
December 7, 2006 Meeting Summary**

The Governor's Advisory Council for Asian Pacific American Affairs held its December meeting at the Philippine American Community Center of Michigan in Southfield, with H. Sook Wilkinson, Ph.D. presiding. This meeting began with a presentation by Director Linda V. Parker of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights.

Dr. Wilkinson presented a summary of ACAPAA's accomplishments since its inception in 2005.

Committee reports focused on the issues of hate crime incidents in Michigan and the effects of Proposal 2 on State government and the APA community. Mr. Warren Bonam of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights has been assigned to act as liaison to the Council with regards to hate crime incident reporting. Governor Jennifer M. Granholm has issued Executive Directive No. 2006-7, "Promoting Diversity in Michigan," directing the Michigan Civil Rights Commission with investigating the impact of the adoption of Proposal 2006-02. (For a copy of the Directive, go to: <http://www.michigan.gov/gov/0,1607,7-168-36898-155895--,00.html>.)

Other business and announcements:

The Immigration Law Seminar originally scheduled for December 1 was canceled due to inclement weather. It has been rescheduled for March 30, 2007.

The Council will be working on a Phase II Strategic Plan during March of 2007. Phase II will focus on continuing the work and recommendations outlined in the Policy Recommendation Document of May 2006.

The Cultural Committee will be requesting Governor Granholm to proclaim May of 2007, "Asian Pacific American Heritage Month." Council member Rep. Hoon-Yung Hopgood leads the APA Heritage Celebration at the Capitol on an annual basis. Planning is already underway for that event.

Council Member Marilyn Schlieff was recently invited to become a member of the World Languages Committee and the Bias and Sensitivity Subcommittee of the Social Studies Committee of the Michigan Department of Education.

The next meeting of the Advisory Council will be February 2, 2007 in Detroit.

The Governor's Advisory Council on Asian Pacific American Affairs was created by a May 2005, Executive Order (No.2005 – 10) from Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, to advise the Governor and the Department of Civil Rights on policy matters pertaining to Asian and Pacific Americans in Michigan. H. Sook Wilkinson, Ph.D, was appointed Chair of the Council, which was placed administratively inside the Michigan Department of Civil Rights. A copy of the Governor's Executive Order is available on the Governor's website at <http://www.michigan.gov/gov>.